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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Advisory Action mailed June 3, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The Advisory Action issued after the Response to a Final Office Action and Notice of Appeal was filed on May 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Request for Continuing Examination and a Petition and fee for a five month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.